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Dear Tomi:

I will work out with Curt on his upcoming visit, just how we all should continue to communicate on the Natural History question. One of the problems, of course, is that I rarely if ever ask for any actual analyses, I simply chew my mental cud and you take over appropriately.

There surely must always be a sophisticated and interested and involved medical mind at the Center for these analyses; and full and open communications on these questions. I hardly see now how communications can be administratively channeled otherwise.

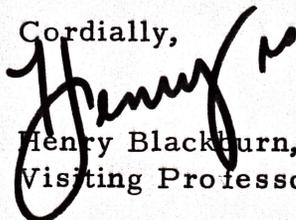
At any rate, we will work this out in a reasonable and progressive way, to the benefit of all.

In the meantime, I will continue to write directly to you, with copies to all concerned, about matters that require the special medical orientation that you have in visualizing and developing the CDP analysis of Natural History.

In this regard, I refer you to the abstracts in press of the upcoming presentations at the American College of Cardiology, one by Kazamias on heart size as a prognostic factor and another by Oxman on prognostic factors in angina patients, pages 642 and 653 in the Am. J. of Cardiology, December, 1970.

I also commend to your reading the classic work by Sievers, Blomquist and Biorck on "Clinical Features and Outcome in 3,036 Cases of M.I." Acta Med. Scand. Suppl. 406 to Volume 275, 1963.

Cordially,



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